Remarks

The applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this preliminary amendment.

Claims 2, 4-14, 31-38, 40-41, 43-45, 47-48, and 51-53 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications.

Claims 1 and 39 have been amended. The amendment to claim 1 is supported by original claim 2 and page 15, lines 28-30, of the specification. The amendment to claim 39 makes the claim properly dependent on claim 1. Also, the compounds added to claim 39 were originally found in original claim 40.

The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added herein.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

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